# College Park Covenant Church Family Ministry Values



### **Intergenerational Relationships**

- When children form Inter-generational faith relationships, they have a solid base to continue a strong relationship with God and connection with the wider Church as they become young adults.
- This is what makes a small church community so strong! We want to live into our strength.
- We can foster intergenerational relationships through mentoring, social events, serving alongside each other, and being intentional about learning from one another.

# Biblical Literacy: Finding Ourselves in God's Big Story

- A hearty appetite for God's word and a growing understanding of how to read it and be shaped by it is what we desire for our adults and children alike.
- We recognize the beauty and significance of the overarching story of God through the bible and we are invited to find ourselves inside that same story.
- We long for the Holy Spirit to transform us through what we digest in God's word. We want to be changed by God's Big Story.

### Life With Jesus

- We believe that an ongoing, personal encounter with the Living God is the highlight of our existence. This is our number one hope for the children and adults in our lives.
- Knowing the bible and knowing about God is not the same as knowing and being known by God. We will always look for opportunity to introduce and foster personal relationship with Jesus.
- Every single person is capable of hearing Jesus' voice and Jesus desires to speak to each of us. We trust him to teach, guide and love each of us well.

# **Serving Together**

- When we reach out to do something for someone else, we act as God's hands in our world. We believe serving is part of God's design for developing and maturing us, no matter what age we are.
- When we serve together adults and children, we learn from and inspire one another. We discover who we are and what we can do. We also deepen our dependence and trust for each other.
- Serving together keeps us in tune with the heart of God because God's heart is close to the broken, hurting and needing people and places of the world.

# **Trust and Belonging**

- It matters deeply to us that each child and adult experiences safety in the life of our church body. We pursue this through kindness, sensitivity, and appropriate screening and preparation for volunteers.
- Trust and belonging develops through respect, dignity and particularization. This means that each person is considered unique, loved, and is seen for who they are in God's eyes.
- We plant seeds of love and belonging now, recognizing that the harvest may be for a later season in life.